

HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

IN THE MATTER OF MOUSSA SYLLA,
A#93-436-832,

Case No. MC08-5009RBL

ORDER

THIS MATTER comes on before the above-entitled Court upon the Government's Status Report Regarding Involuntary Feeding of Detainee. According to the report, detainee Moussa Sylla was involuntarily fed and hydrated by a plastic tube through his nasal passage on May 2-3, 2008. Thereafter, he voluntarily ingested a nutritional supplement and water; however, he continues to refuse to eat solid foods. Due to Sylla's history of hunger strikes and his continued refusal to eat solid food, the government requests that this case remain open for 30 days so that additional emergency relief can quickly be sought from the Court in the event involuntary feeding again becomes necessary. The request is reasonable. Therefore, the Clerk is directed to maintain this case in an open status for 30 days, and before closing the matter to provide notice to the Government of the intent to close the file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2008.


RONALD B. LEIGHTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE